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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed May 19, 2006, there is attached a translation in English. Also attached is a copy of the Notification. Although the Notification indicates that an oath or declaration was filed with the original documents filed on 06/13/05, Applicants do not recall submitting such an oath or declaration. Nevertheless, a declaration of the inventors is attached.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 in the amount of \$195.00 (which includes \$130.00 for the processing fee specified in 37 CFR 1.492(i) and \$65.00 for the surcharge specified in 37 CFR 1.492(h)).

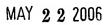
Additionally, please enter this Second Preliminary Amendment and amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

An Appendix is attached following page 6 of this paper.





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- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/13/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/13/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/13/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 06/13/2005
- Small Entity Statement filed on 06/13/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/13/2005
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The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Processing fee of \$130 for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Small Entity:

\$130 for English translation surcharge required.

Additionally the following defects have been observed:



• Preliminary Amendments have not been entered because Need a english translation.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

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